

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 64th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND CULTURAL RESOURCES

Call to Order: Chair Taylor Brown, on February 18, 2015 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Taylor Brown, Chair (R)
Sen. Mark Blasdel, Vice Chair (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Jill Cohenour (D)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Kris Hansen (R) (arrived after roll call)
Sen. Llew Jones (R)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Mary Sheehy Moe (D)
Sen. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Elsie Arntzen (R)

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Angie Koehler, Committee Secretary
Padraic McCracken, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 87, 2/16/2015; SB 328, 2/16/2015

Executive Action:

HB 162 Be Concurred In As Amended
SB 12 Do Pass As Amended
SB 178 Be Tabled
SB 250 Be Tabled

HEARING ON SB 328

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:17 Sen. Llew Jones (R), SD 9, opened the hearing on SB 328, Provide for higher education seeded savings accounts.

[EXHIBIT\(eds37a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds37a02\)](#)

00:02:48 Sen. Hansen entered the hearing.

00:04:37 Sen. Blasdel entered the hearing.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:09:08 Jim Stipcich, president and CEO, Student Assistance Foundation

[EXHIBIT\(eds37a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(eds37a04\)](#)

00:17:17 Tyler Trevor, deputy commissioner, Office of the Commission of Higher Education, Montana University System (MUS)

00:17:26 Mike Hopkins, Montana Associated Students

00:18:04 Donya Parrish, Montana Credit Unions (MCU)

[EXHIBIT\(eds37a05\)](#)

00:19:41 Webb Brown, Montana Chamber of Commerce

00:20:30 Garrett Lankford, Associated Students of Montana State University

00:20:59 Harry Wang, Associated Students of the University of Montana

00:21:37 Jennifer Lehman, representing staff and board of directors, Rural Dynamics Inc.

[EXHIBIT\(eds37a06\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony:

00:24:09 Eric Feaver, MEA-MFT

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:27:53 Sen. Moe

00:28:20 Sen. Jones

00:28:39 Sen. Moe

00:28:48 Sen. Jones

00:29:02 Sen. Moe

00:29:15 Sen. Jones

00:29:27 Sen. Moe

00:29:44 Mr. Trevor, MUS

00:30:12 Sen. Moe

00:30:19 Mr. Trevor

00:30:44 Sen. Moe

00:30:59 Mr. Trevor

00:31:16 Sen. Hansen
00:31:49 Mr. Trevor
00:32:12 Sen. Hansen
00:32:43 Mr. Trevor
00:33:29 Sen. Hansen
00:34:16 Sen. Jones
00:34:55 Sen. Hansen
00:35:35 Sen. Jones
00:35:44 Sen. Hansen
00:35:51 Sen. Jones
00:36:02 Chairman Brown
00:36:18 Ms. Parrish, MCU
00:36:38 Kelly Cresswell, Student Assistance Foundation (SAF)
00:37:23 Chairman Brown
00:37:44 Ms. Cresswell, SAF
00:38:18 Chairman Brown
00:38:32 Ms. Cresswell
00:39:20 Chairman Brown
00:39:43 Ms. Parrish

Closing by Sponsor:

00:41:13 Sen. Jones

HEARING ON HB 87

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:47:14 Rep. Edith (Edie) McClafferty (D), HD 73, opened the hearing on HB 87,
Eliminate the requirement for a third official school enrollment count.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:49:48 Madalyn Quinlan, chief of staff, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
00:51:43 Jim Smith, Montana Rural Education Association (MREA)

00:53:01 Sen. Arntzen entered the hearing.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:53:31 Sen. Facey
00:53:59 Ms. Quinlan, OPI
00:54:04 Sen. Blasdel
00:54:53 Ms. Quinlan
00:56:01 Chairman Brown
00:56:15 Mr. Smith, MREA

00:57:29 Chairman Brown
00:57:44 Ms. Quinlan
00:59:39 Chairman Brown
01:00:27 Ms. Quinlan
01:01:15 Chairman Brown
01:02:12 Ms. Quinlan
01:02:59 Chairman Brown
01:03:30 Ms. Quinlan
01:03:58 Chairman Brown
01:04:54 Sen. Cohenour
01:05:40 Ms. Quinlan
01:05:47 Sen. Cohenour
01:06:11 Ms. Quinlan
01:06:40 Sen. Cohenour
01:07:02 Chairman Brown
01:07:37 Steve York, Office of Public Instruction (OPI)
01:08:44 Chairman Brown
01:08:59 Mr. York, OPI
01:09:45 Chairman Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

01:09:59 Rep. McClafferty

Committee Business:

01:11:01 Sen. Facey

[EXHIBIT\(eds37a07\)](#)

01:11:20 Chairman Brown
01:11:26 Sen. Facey
01:11:37 Chairman Brown
01:12:30 Sen. Facey
01:13:08 Chairman Brown

Sen. Jones left the hearing.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 162

01:15:23 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 162 BE CONCURRED IN.**

Discussion:

01:15:28 Chairman Brown
01:15:48 Sen. Cohenour
01:15:55 Chairman Brown

01:16:05 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **HB 162 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(eds37a08\)](#)

Discussion:

01:16:18 Sen. Cohenour
01:16:48 Chairman Brown
01:17:06 Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division (LSD)
01:18:01 Sen. Cohenour
01:18:15 Mr. McCracken, LSD
01:19:51 Chairman Brown
01:19:55 Mr. McCracken
01:20:25 Chairman Brown
01:20:31 Sen. Facey
01:21:12 Sen. Arntzen
01:21:33 Sen. Cohenour

01:21:58 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

01:22:18 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **HB 162 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

01:22:28 Sen. Hansen
01:23:10 Mr. McCracken
01:24:18 Chairman Brown
01:24:25 Mr. McCracken
01:25:00 Sen. Cohenour
01:26:10 Sen. Moe
01:26:23 Chairman Brown
01:26:26 Mr. McCracken
01:26:34 Chairman Brown
01:26:42 Sen. Moe
01:27:41 Sen. Arntzen
01:30:04 Sen. Facey
01:31:16 Sen. Arntzen
01:31:24 Chairman Brown
01:31:40 Mr. McCracken
01:32:10 Sen. Arntzen

01:32:19 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.
Sen. Cohenour will carry the bill.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 12

01:33:29 **Motion:** Sen. Moe moved that **SB 12 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

01:33:35 Chairman Brown

01:33:38 **Motion:** Sen. Moe moved that **SB 12 BE AMENDED.**
EXHIBIT(eds37a09)

01:33:41 Chairman Brown
 01:33:45 Sen. Moe
 01:33:49 Chairman Brown
 01:34:05 Sen. Moe
 01:34:07 Chairman Brown
 01:34:55 Sen. Moe
 01:35:00 Chairman Brown
 01:35:20 Madalyn Quinlan, OPI
 01:37:50 Chairman Brown
 01:38:11 Ms. Quinlan
 01:38:31 Chairman Brown
 01:39:00 Ms. Quinlan
 01:39:31 Chairman Brown
 01:39:37 Sen. Moe
 01:39:42 Sen. Facey

01:40:09 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

Discussion:

01:40:31 Chairman Brown
 01:40:46 Sen. Cohenour
 01:41:23 Sen. Facey
 01:41:57 Sen. Moe

01:44:12 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Moe moved that **SB 12 DO PASS AS AMENDED**. Motion carried 6-4 by roll call vote with Sen. Arntzen, Sen. Blasdel, Sen. Hansen and Sen. Keenan voting no. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 178

01:45:16 **Motion:** Sen. Moe moved that **SB 178 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

01:45:41 Sen. Moe
 01:51:39 Sen. Facey
 01:53:13 Sen. Hansen
 01:54:54 Chairman Brown
 01:55:15 Sen. Moe
 01:55:50 Sen. Facey

01:56:18 **Vote:** Motion failed 4-6 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. Moe and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

01:56:59 **Motion:** Sen. Blasdel moved that **SB 178 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED**.

Discussion:

01:57:02 Chairman Brown
 01:57:15 Sen. Hansen
 01:57:47 Chairman Brown
 01:57:52 Sen. Hansen
 01:57:57 Angie Koehler, Secretary
 01:58:00 Sen. Hansen
 01:58:06 Chairman Brown
 01:58:09 Sen. Hansen
 01:58:32 Ms. Koehler
 01:58:40 Sen. Hansen
 01:58:59 Chairman Brown
 01:59:35 Sen. Hansen

 01:59:41 Without objection, Sen. Blasdel withdrew the BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED motion.

 01:59:44 Chairman Brown
 02:00:28 Sen. Facey
 02:00:49 Chairman Brown

 02:00:54 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Facey moved that **SB 178 BE TABLED**. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 250

02:01:57 **Motion:** Sen. Cohenour moved that **SB 250 DO PASS**.

Discussion:

02:02:14 Sen. Cohenour
 02:03:33 Sen. Facey
 02:04:16 Sen. Cohenour
 02:04:42 Sen. Hansen
 02:05:56 Sen. Keenan
 02:06:34 Sen. Cohenour
 02:08:22 Chairman Brown
 02:09:05 Sen. Keenan
 02:09:17 Sen. Cohenour

 02:09:37 **Vote:** Motion failed 5-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Cohenour, Sen. Facey, Sen. L. Jones, Sen. Moe and Sen. Stewart-Peregoy voting aye. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

 02:10:31 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Hansen moved that **SB 250 BE TABLED**. Motion carried 9-1 by voice vote with Sen. Cohenour voting no. Sen. Jones voted by proxy.

Committee Business:

02:11:08	Sen. Hansen
02:11:33	Chairman Brown
02:12:00	Padraic McCracken, Legislative Services Division
02:12:32	Chairman Brown
02:12:45	Sen. Blasdel
02:12:56	Chairman Brown
02:13:46	Sen. Arntzen
02:13:50	Chairman Brown

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:35 P.M.

Angie Koehler, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([eds37aad.pdf](#))